

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee  
(SSTMD AC) Meeting Summary  
February 14, 2008**

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**Item 1,2: Introductions/Agenda Review, Review of January Minutes** – Members and guests introduced themselves. Minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**Item 3: Chair's Comments** – Committee Chair **Jim Polk** welcomed as a new member of the committee Mr. **G. Michael Price** of Discovery Communications. Mr. Price's official appointment began on February 5, 2008.

**Item 4: Purple Line Presentation** – **Mr. Polk** informed the group that scheduled presenter, **Michael Madden of MTA**, was unable to attend this meeting due to illness. Mr. Madden's presentation will be rescheduled for the March meeting if possible.

**Item 5: Purple Line Position Paper** – **Mr. Polk** asked committee members to review the Purple Line Position Paper final draft one last time before copies are sent to **DPWT Director Art Holmes** and **County Executive Isiah Leggett** (and other interested parties).

The Advisory Committee document adopted the following positions:

- The committee strongly supports construction of the Purple Line.
- The routing should be through the new Silver Spring Transit Center.
- The routing should be off of surface streets in the CBD.

**Item 6: Meeting with County Executive Leggett/FY 09 Priorities** – The meeting with **Mr. Leggett** is set for February 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 pm.

**Mr. Polk** discussed the background and recent changes made to the budget priorities.

**Mr. Polk** and **Charles Segerman** met on February 12<sup>th</sup> with **Gary Stith**, Director of the Silver Spring Regional Services Center, along with representatives from other Silver Spring Citizen Advisory Boards, to coordinate presentations to the County Executive and identify common areas of interest. Each group will be limited to three minutes to present its budget priorities and recommendations.

Committee representatives agreed to present common priorities of all the boards/committees in a matrix format. The Silver Spring TMD Advisory Committee was the only group ready with adopted recommendations at the February 12<sup>th</sup> pre-meeting.

Given the probable budget constraints, **Sandra Brecher** suggested changing the wording on the Fare Share/Super Fare Share priority to clarify its importance to the work of the TMD, since continued funding for this program was not assured in the present budget climate. The committee agreed to the change.

**Item 7: Updates: TMD/DPWT/Police/Other County Updates – Ms. Brecher** stated that the Glenmont Garage is beginning a major renovation project. As many as 200 parking spaces will be temporarily taken out of use for up to 18 months. There are some spaces that are reserved for a fee for use before 10 a.m., but others who cannot find a spot are taking the reserved spaces. Metro will start ticketing and towing these cars.

DPWT and Metro are beginning a marketing campaign to alert customers of alternative places to park, such as the free Park and Ride Lot on the East side of Georgia Avenue at Rte. 28. The County's garage on Amherst Avenue in Wheaton is also available, tends to be under used and is located only a couple blocks from the Wheaton Metro station. The cost of parking at the Amherst Garage is less than at the Glenmont Garage or the Wheaton Metro Garage.

**Ms. Brecher** stated that a lease has been signed for the new location of the Commuter Store in downtown Silver Spring and work on the inside has begun. The projected move date is scheduled for April. The office operations will move separately to a new location at 1110 Bonifant Street; however, that lease has not yet been finalized.

**Item 8: Other Business – Tom Collins** noted that the signal at the intersection of Wayne and Dixon is operating at unnecessary times of the day, such as in the evening when traffic is light or nonexistent, when it would make more sense to have it set to a yellow blinking phase. At full operation it causes drivers to waste fuel while idling at the light and wastes electricity.

The committee recommended contacting DPWT to see if the light phasing can be changed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Next meeting date: March 13, 2008

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**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee (SSTMD AC)**  
**Attendance Sheet**  
**February 14, 2008**

<b>Voting Members (12)</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Chamber Members (3)</b>			
Ali Mahmood	Chevy Chase Bank		X
James S. Polk, Chairman	Technology Service Corporation	X	
Tom Collins	Atlantech Online	X	
<b>Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)</b>			
Edward Furgol	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS	X	
Charles Segerman, Vice Chairman	North & West Sector Plan Area		X
Andy Wexler	CBD Resident	X	
<b>TMD Employers less than 50 employees (3)</b>			
Julian Leidman	Bonanza Coin		X
Suvita Melehy	Melehy & Associates		X
Cathy Wilde	Solid Waste Assoc of North America		X
<b>TMD Employers with 50 or more employees (3)</b>			
G. Michael Price	Discovery Communications	X	
Robin Goudy	Social & Scientific Systems		X
Geoffrey Kreig	Merchant Link	X	
<b>Non-Voting Members (4)</b>			
Sandra Brecher, DPWT Transit Services	DPWT Director or Designee	X	
Chuck Kines	M-NCPPC		X
Sergeant Thomas Harmon	Montgomery County Police	X	
<b>Staff</b>			
Terrie O'Steen	DPWT, Commuter Services	X	
David Kantor	DPWT, Commuter Services	X	
Jim Carlson	DPWT, Commuter Services	X	
<b>Guests</b>			
Youssef Diallo	Attending for Ali Mahmood	X	
Samuel Oji	DPWT, Commuter Services	X	
Mel Tull	Silver Spring Regional Services Center	X	